

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 9, 2002

Members Present:

James Cooper
John Grolich
Ralph Hollenbeck
Ed Gordon
Chuck Ford
Debi Butturi
Dennis Rose
Don Amber
Tom Kitchens
Alan McCoy
Steve Davison

Members Absent:

Paul Beal
Gregg Harris
Ron Wark (excused)
Michael Keever (excused)

Staff Present:

Mike Garvey
Brad Gavin
Rebecca Blagrove
Sherrie Crain

Others Present:

Leon Bell

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Rosenau.

Dennis Rose offered a motion to approve the minutes. Second by R. D. Hollenbeck. The motion passed.

Mr. Rosenau introduced Ed Gordon as a new member of the operations committee. Ed is the Director of Greendale EMS. Chuck Ford, Director, Wishard EMS, arrived later and was also introduced as a new member.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senate Bill 213, EMT Administration of Epinephrine by Auto-Injector

Deputy Director Mike Garvey reported that the legislation goes into effect July 1. The intent of the legislation was for the auto-injectors to be carried on ambulances. The committee needs to recommend what to carry, adult and/or pediatric; how many to carry; and any limitations.

After discussion, Don Amber offered a motion that the committee recommend to the EMS Commission that Advanced EMT and BLS ambulance services, Advanced EMT

Non-Transport services, and BLS Non-Transport services be required to carry a minimum of two adult epinephrine auto-injectors and one pediatric epinephrine auto-injector. And that individual Advanced-EMTs and EMTs be allowed to carry the epinephrine auto-injectors at the discretion of their program medical director. Medical control can be either on-line or by protocol at the discretion of the program medical director.

Second by Tom Kitchens. The motion passed.

The committee also encourages the EMS Commission to recommend that the Indiana Legislature extend the legislation to cover Indiana Certified First Responders.

Agency Counsel, Brad Gavin reported that the law goes into effect on July 1. The EMS Commission meets June 22. The commission can allow the affected EMS personnel to carry the auto-injectors prior to July 1 but cannot mandate that they be carried prior to that date. Mr. Gavin also recommended that the commission set July 1, 2003 as a date for mandatory compliance.

House Bill 1029, VX Antidote Administration by Personnel in Specific Counties

The Indiana Legislature has approved the transportation and administration of the Mark One Antidote Kit exposure by EMS personnel in Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Montgomery, Fountain, Warren, and Vigo Counties. The Mark One Antidote Kit is for VX nerve agent exposure. The intent of the legislation is to get the antidote into the hands of emergency responders. The operations committee does not need to take any action. EMS Operations staff will make recommendations to the commission regarding implementation of the statute.

IC 16-31-2-9 Regarding the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile

This statute went into effect July 1, 2001. The statute directs the EMS Commission to train EMS personnel in the administration of medications contained in the stockpile. The training requirements will be minimal.

Deputy Director Garvey stated that the role of EMS in the administration of the medications is yet to be determined. The local health officer and the local emergency management director will be key players. The immediate priorities for EMS will be personal protection equipment, hazardous materials training, and training regarding basic concepts in responding to terrorist acts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ambulance Accident Reporting

Operations Director Sherrie Crain reported that, based on the reports received, the numbers do not suggest a training problem in regard to ambulance accidents. The committee discussed whether to continue the reporting requirement or not.

John Grolich offered a motion to recommend to the commission that the reporting of ambulance accidents be required by rule. Second by Debi Butturi. The motion passed.

*The next meeting date will be:
Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

All meetings will be held at Warren Township Fire Department (501 North Post Road, Indianapolis) and will begin at noon. Any changes will be announced prior to the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.